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# Province Honours Students

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Nova Scotian students were honoured today for winning provincial scholarships at the Minister of Education and Culture's annual reception celebrating the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education's Student Services. Education and Culture Minister Robbie Harrison was on hand to pay his respects to the four award winners.

"Today we honour the hard work and dedication of Nova Scotian students," said Minister Harrison. "The students we are honouring today not only excel in academic studies, they also contribute to their communities through volunteer work, the arts and sport."

The recipients were Jessica Squires of Halifax, 1998 winner of the Prince Edward Scholarship; Chandimal Nicholas of Dartmouth, 1998 winner of the Dr. P. Anthony Johnstone Memorial Fund Entrance Scholarship; Navpreet Singh of Halifax, 1998 winner of the Nova Scotia Women in Engineering Scholarship; and Stacy Henley of Timberlea, 1997 winner of the Nova Scotia Women in Engineering Scholarship, renewed for a final year in 1998.

Jessica Squires is the winner of the $5000 1998 Prince Edward Scholarship. The scholarship commemorates the visit of H.R.H. Prince Edward to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1987. The scholarship is awarded to a Nova Scotia student entering his/her final year of an undergraduate program at the College.

Ms. Squires is an active member of the community. She is the Nova Scotia representative on the national executive for the Canadian Federation of Students and a former student member of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education.

Chandimal Nicholas is a graduate of Auburn Drive High School and currently attends Dalhousie University. The $5000 Dr. P. Anthony Memorial Fund Entrance Scholarship honours the life and work of the late Tony Johnstone, a long-time educator and human rights advocate.

In addition to his outstanding academic achievement, Mr. Nicholas was active in sports and was a member of the Auburn Drive Race Relations Cross-Cultural Committee and the school's focus group dealing with racism.

Navpreet Singh is currently enrolled in the engineering program at DalTech. The Nova Scotia Women in Engineering Scholarship of $5000 is awarded to a woman entering her third year at Dalhousie University Polytechnic in a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.

Ms. Singh has won a number of awards throughout her academic career. She enjoys music, writing and drawing in her spare time.

Stacy Henley was the winner of the 1997 Nova Scotia Women in Engineering Scholarship. Her scholarship is renewed for a final year. Ms. Henley is currently studying Mining Engineering at DalTech.

Minister Harrison also recognized students participating in the 1998-1999 Nova Scotia/New England Student Exchange Program. The program is an initiative of the New England Governors and the Eastern Canadian Premier's Conference, recognizing and promoting the historical, educational, economic and cultural ties that exist between New England and Nova Scotia.

Minister Harrison thanked the members of the various selection committees who gave their time and expertise in the presentation of the awards and commended the award winners for their dedication to learning.

"In every area of their lives, these students have shown the desire to continue to learn," said Minister Harrison. "I join your families, teachers and friends in applauding your success."

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